

News Briefs

Mandatory headlight usage

Air Education and Training Command Security Forces Squadron has implemented a change requiring turning on headlights from sunrise to sunset during fog, smoke, rain, when windshield wipers are activated, or any other time when persons and vehicles can not be seen clearly. The change to the AETC supplement 32-204 makes this new policy mandatory for all AETC bases regardless of state traffic laws. For questions or more information, call vehicle operations at Ext. 7441 or Ext. 7443.

Book fair

The youth center will hold a book fair May 18 and May 19 from 3 to 7 p.m. All books are buy one get one free. For more information, call the youth center at Ext. 2504.

Electronic waste collection

The 14th Civil Engineer Squadron will have a curb-side pick-up for electronic items today throughout base housing at 1 p.m. Acceptable items are computer equipment, mixed cables, toner and ink jet cartridges, fax machines, telephone systems, cell phones and accessories, cable equipment, electronic games, security systems and medical equipment.

Columbus AFB receives award

Columbus AFB has been named a Tree City in the United States by the National Arbor Day foundation. It is also the recipient of a Tree City USA Growth Award for demonstrating progress in its community forestry program.

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SUPT Class 06-09 graduates at 10 a.m. at the Columbus Club.



Maj. Tim Corbin, 43rd Flying Training Squadron, speaks with visitors from the Seymour Johnson AFB civic leader tour on the base flightline Thursday. The civic leader tour was the first to ever be held at Columbus AFB.

Civic leaders touch down at CAFB

Senior Airman John Parie
14th Flying Training Wing

Columbus AFB welcomed the first civic leader tour in its history May 11. Civic and community leaders from Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C., visited to the base for an opportunity to better understand the BLAZE TEAM's mission, culture and operations.

The 38-person group was greeted by wing leadership at the Strategic Air Command Alert Facility upon their arrival and received a wing mission brief and tour of base facilities.

Columbus AFB was the first stop in their two-day visit to Air Force installations. The group left for Langley AFB, Va., May 12.

Colonel Mike Holmes, 4th Flying Training Wing commander and former 14th Operations Group commander, was among the Seymour Johnson Civic Leader Tour attendees.

"It's always fun to come back," Colonel Holmes said. "This was an opportunity to show leaders from North Carolina the whole [pilot production] process — starting out with

training here and then going on to Langley AFB, home of the Air Force's newest plane, the F-22 Raptor."

The Civic Leader Tour program not only gives local leaders a first-hand look at Air Force bases, but allows them to promote the Air Force within their communities by sharing their experiences.

"I've really enjoyed getting the opportunity see the base where some of our pilots get their start," said Julie Daniels, civic leader tour participant. "I'll have a better understanding of how it all fits into the big scheme now."

Words of wisdom



Maj. Shannon Smith, 14th Security Forces Squadron commander, addresses his troops after they welcome him home from a six month deployment to Southwest Asia. The BLAZE TEAM currently has 47 troops deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

AETC makes AFAF a big winner

Senior Airman Jonathan
Simmons

Air Education and Training
Command

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas — The Air Force concluded the 2006 Air Force Assistance Fund "Commitment to Caring" campaign May 5, and Air Education and Training Command came out on top with its effort to care for Airmen.

"Thank you to all the Airmen who gave so much this year to make the AFAF campaign such a huge success," said Gen. William R. Looney III, AETC commander. "Because of you, AETC led the way in almost every single AFAF category,

bringing new meaning to the reason we're called the 'First Command.'"

Although the final, audited campaign totals are still forthcoming, at this point the Airmen of AETC lead the Air Force donating a total of \$1.397 million of the approximate \$6.9 million total Air Force donations.

"This is the greatest AETC total in the past five years and it's safe to say the greatest there's ever been," said John Lowrance, the Air Force fundraising manager.

This year AETC not only raised more funds but also had the largest percentage active-duty participation, greatest number of active-duty participants as well as the greatest number of Air-Reserve-

component participants.

"With more than 22,000 donors command wide, AETC raised more than 158 percent of our goal. This is a tremendous accomplishment," said General Looney.

The 33-year-old AFAF campaign gives Airmen the opportunity to contribute to any of the Air Force's four official charitable organizations. These contributions to the campaign go to Airmen of the Air Force Total Force, their surviving spouses, families and retirees.

"The large amounts contributed to the campaign from our Airmen really reflect AETC's dedication to the Air Force core value of Service Before Self," said General Looney. "Thank you for your commitment to caring."

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Autocross time trials to be held at Columbus AFB

The Mississippi Region of Sports Car Club of America will hold automobile time trials at 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Strategic Air Command ramp. These events are open to all base personnel.

Competitors will include Mississippi Region members, invited guests and Sports Car Club of America members from Columbus, Starkville and the surrounding area, as well as Memphis, Tenn., Birmingham, Ala., and Jackson, Miss.

Each participant is required to sign the Waiver of Liability form. Anyone under the age of 18 must bring a parent or guardian to sign the Waiver of Liability for them. Valid photo identification will be required to enter the event area.

SCCA Solo II time trials are events in which the driver negotiates a course, marked by orange pylons, in the shortest time possible. A two second penalty will be accessed for each displaced pylon as the driver maneuvers the course, which is designed to allow speeds no higher than one would normally encounter on a public highway. The intent is to test driver skill and auto agility, rather than top speed or raw power.

Drivers will attempt to complete the course as quickly as possible, with the least number of penalty seconds. A handicap system is applied to these raw times, which corrects the different capabilities of the various automobiles. This system



Courtesy photo

An autocross participant maneuvers his vehicle through cones on the Strategic Air Command ramp. BLAZE TEAM members with a valid license will be able to participate in the event being held Saturday and Sunday at the SAC ramp. Anyone under the age of 18 will need a Waiver of Liability form signed by their guardian before they can participate in the events.

also allows the drivers of vastly different vehicles to compete on an equal basis. The driver who is best at minimizing his time on the course, corrected by the handicap for his car, is the winner.

Three broad categories of the many Sports Car Club of America Solo II classes will be in the MSSCCA events.

These categories are: open tire, for drivers using special racing tires; street tire, for drivers using normal highway tires; and novice, for drivers using highway tires and anyone who has competed in less than six Solo II events.

All vehicles, except those which have a high potential for overturning while exe-

cuting the course, are eligible.

Adjustments are made to the handicap for each vehicle depending on performance modifications installed after the vehicle was manufactured. These adjustments are accomplished by use of the many Solo II classes available, each class having its own handicap number.

Helmets meeting Snell M-95, SA-95, or newer, specifications are required to compete. MSSCCA has a number of "loaners" available for use.

All automobiles entered in Solo II competition, must pass a safety check before competing. Items such as tire condition, wheels fastened properly, seat belts, and battery securely strapped in place, are checked. Complete information regarding vehicle requirements can be found on the www.MSSCCA.org Web site.

The events start at 8 a.m. on Saturday with a full day of competition, and will continue on Sunday morning at 8 a.m. Complete event information can be found on the Mississippi Region, SCCA Web site, www.MSSCCA.org. Click on "Events."

Questions regarding items such as event entry, car safety requirements and car classifications should be directed to www.MSSCCA.org. Click on "Forums" to join the discussion group and get plenty of information. For other questions call Ext. 7191. *(Courtesy of the 48th Flying Training Squadron)*

Retired Airman speaks on dangers of alcohol

Kirsten Hawley

14th Flying Training Wing

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Bob Holliker will give a testimonial on the effects of alcohol at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Services Complex.

Colonel Holliker will discuss growing up as the son of an alcoholic Air Force officer and his struggles with alcohol while on active duty.

Colonel Holliker shares some of his stories in an article written for Flighlines the Air Force Flight Surgeon's Magazine.

"In the early 1980's there were two almost identical incidents (that I can remember), where I flew drunk — with absolutely no reservations at all," he said.

"When I say I flew drunk with absolutely no reservations at all, it is not from a position of

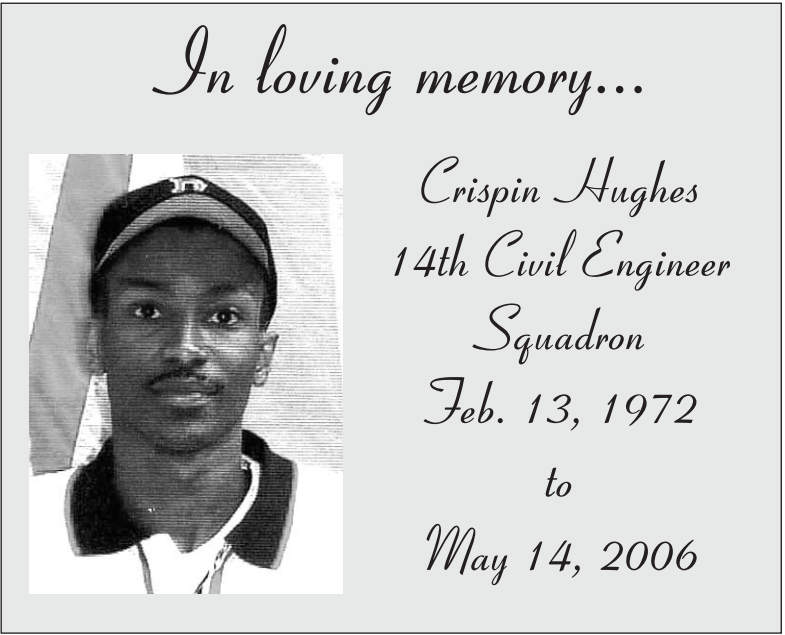
'arrogance' or bravado — and I am certainly not proud of it. It is more from the consequences of my undiagnosed and untreated disease at the time — that of alcoholism."

Colonel Holliker goes on to discuss combat-ing alcoholism in the Air Force.

"It's going to require a substantial culture change that isn't going to occur overnight," he said. "The alcoholic today in the Air Force is either unable or unwilling to seek help, just as I was 20 to 30 years ago."

During his presentation, Colonel Holliker will help people discover some tools to use to identify the warning signs of alcoholism and how to combat alcohol abuse.

Colonel Holliker will also present on Safety Day to the troops at the "101 Days of Summer" kick-off campaign on May 26.



New service dress prototypes pique interest

WASHINGTON — Based on feedback received during visits with Airmen across the Air Force, the Air Force Uniform Board is reviewing several concepts that Airmen have suggested regarding the appearance of the service dress uniform.

Some of the informal feedback about the current service dress includes Airmen wanting to revamp the service dress to look more military, like the other services. One senior airman said, "the current uniform resembles a cheesy business suit."

Another staff sergeant said, "think world's most dominating air power, not CEO," and another described it as a "cheap leisure suit."

Other comments have suggested that the uniform needs to reflect the Air Force's history more. On an Internet message board an Airman recently wrote, "I want to look good and be proud of my AF heritage." Another Airman wrote that the dress uniform pales in comparison to any of the other services. "We need something that distinguishes us as proud members of the U.S. military."

The Air Force began exploring these ideas by producing several prototypes that reflect a combination of ideas that have been gleaned from comments, suggestions and informal surveys conducted over the past several years.

A more formal survey soon will provide additional opportunities for Airmen to provide feedback and comments.

"We've been getting informal feedback on our current service dress uniform for several years, and what we consistently have heard from many Airmen is a desire for a more 'military,' and less 'corporate' look and feel, some-

thing more reflective of the Air Force's heritage, and its role as a professional military organization," said Brig. Gen. Robert Allardice, director of Airman development and sustainment, deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel.

"The Uniform Board has come up with some options to explore these concepts and the initial prototypes are direct descendants of our heritage, rooted in Hap Arnold and Billy Mitchell's Air Force," General Allardice said.

The survey will provide a more formal opportunity to collect feedback on whether or not Airmen want a new service dress, and if so, what changes, likes, or dislikes they have about the prototypes.

"We believe we need to respond to the force and the constant flow of feedback we receive on the service dress is driving this initiative. We see this as an opportunity to do so, along with a chance to reflect on our rich history, as well as the image we wish to portray in uniform," said General Allardice. "We want to make sure our uniforms, all combinations, meet our current and future needs."

This process will use the standard Air Force Uniform Board process and as with the Airman's Battle Uniform, Airmen are encouraged to take the opportunity to directly contribute to how their new service uniform might look.

The Air Force will present options based on feedback received on possible service dress designs through the uniform board process. *(Courtesy of Air Force Print News Service)*



Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez

Brig. Gen. Robert Allardice and Senior Master Sgt. Dana Athnos show off prototypes of the Billy Mitchell heritage coat in the Pentagon on Monday. General Allardice is director of Airmen development and sustainment and Sergeant Athnos is a member of the Air Force uniform board.

Developing leaders ... do you use water or gasoline?

Lt. Col. David Bobb

36th Medical Operations Squadron

ANDERSEN AFB, Guam — If you view yourself as a leader, take a moment to think about the people closest to you in your organization and what you are doing to develop those individuals.

I'm not talking about ensuring they complete their career development course or on-the-job training, but do you have a game plan for them? Are they growing and do they share your vision?

Most importantly, what are you doing to develop them into leaders? I mean real leaders, not just those who may be positional leaders.

One of your most important duties and greatest opportunities is to develop the leaders around you. If you think about it, not only is this beneficial to our Air Force and the person you are developing, it's equally important to you.

One thing I've seen repeatedly is that those closest to the leader will determine the success level of that leader. Likewise,

they can determine the level of failure.

With that in mind, consider the following:

First, what kind of leader are you? When there's a problem in your unit, a "fire" so to speak, many times you, as the leader, are the first on scene. When you arrive, you have a bucket in each hand. In one bucket is water, and in the other gasoline.

The fire before you will either become a greater problem because you poured the gasoline on it, or it will be extinguished because you used the water. Which bucket do you think those closest to you see you using? More importantly, are you training them to use the bucket of gasoline or the bucket of water?

Now you may think it really doesn't matter because even if you use the gasoline, the fire will eventually burn out. However, look at the time and resources consumed, as well as the toll on people it may take to get to that point. How do you think those closest to you feel when the gasoline is poured on every little spark?

It's imperative you model the leader-

ship traits you want to develop in others. You are the one they focus on and you are the one they will follow. If you put out fires with water, they will, too. They will become a leader in their own right who extinguishes fires with water, and over time, you will know you can depend on them to bring a second bucket of water instead of gasoline.

Second, lead with your vision and instill it in others. Some leaders forget to build and share a vision because they are too busy managing. It's extremely easy to get caught up in meeting suspenses, writing reports and culling data without ever looking at the bigger picture. In other words, leaders need to ask, "Why are we doing this?" and "How does this fit into the goals and vision I have for this unit?" If you don't take time to create and share a vision, then anyone's vision will do and everyone will have his own vision. An effective vision provides guidance and gives direction to a unit or organization.

This direction cannot come from Air Force instructions, policy manuals or

organizational charts. It must be developed, shared and modeled by the leader. Subsequently, as you model and share your vision, those around you will embrace it, too. As you develop the leaders around you, they will note that an effective vision can transform your organization.

Lastly, be sure your vision is big enough. Leaders with small visions never accomplish truly great things. Oh, they may get a line on a performance report, but in time, that line becomes meaningless. One of our greatest challenges as leaders is to create a similar vision in both ourselves and our Airmen. This means a vision that is big, that may take some time to achieve, but has the power to transform lives.

People may be unaware they are in such an environment and fail to take advantage of it, but you can help them realize that wherever they are, it can be their starting point to the world. True leaders will recognize this and create opportunities for growth as they build the leaders around them.

Remember to make the most of every day

Lt. Col. Bryan Stokstad
14th Comptroller Squadron

My grandfather, Lloyd J. Stokstad, is 87 years old, lives in an assisted living center, and I’m continuously blown away by the incredible attitude he displays on a daily basis. You would think most folks at this juncture in their lives would act accordingly and just sit around waiting for their pending fate. Maybe most do, but not my grandfather.

Sure, the years have taken their toll on his body, but they haven’t touched his mind. I imagine internally he thinks of himself as a 37 year old if not younger.

What impresses me most his attitude about himself living in an assisted living center. I’ve heard him say, “I’m just a teenager around here” or “I’m in the twilight of my senior years.” He often eats lunch with people that are over 100 years old and says he feels like a kid around them. I suppose that’s what it’s like when you’re 87 years old and hanging out with people that are over 100.

Maybe that’s somehow like a 13 year old hanging out with 25 year olds. Maybe I’ve associated all senior citizens with being elderly, but for them, the differences in age still apply. Then again, maybe it’s just how you view yourself in your own mind regardless of your age.

Another thing that impresses me is how passionate and engaged he is with everything. Everyday I receive an inspirational poem from him via email. I have no doubt he’s taken a better portion of his day working on it — perfecting it, praying about it — to make sure it communicates just the right message he wants to convey. His heart is truly in each word of wisdom he shares.

Isn’t it amazing that a person who was born at a time when there was no television — when people used to sit

around the radio for entertainment — and here he is using the internet, accessing the world-wide web and sending emails?

I deeply respect how he’s kept his mind active and engaged in being creative and finding new ways to continue to make a difference in people’s lives, hearts and minds — all of this, even when it’s meant adjusting or adapting to changing times. How many of us will do the same as we get older? How many of us are doing this today?

Whenever I visit my hometown of Des Moines, Iowa, I always manage to have lunch with my grandfather. He has spent a majority of his life as a tennis and basketball coach, so we discuss sports fairly often. He loves to say, “I teach the serve and serve the Lord!” Interestingly, when he moved into the assisted living center, he encountered a pool table down the hall. I don’t think he had any experience with playing pool prior to moving into the center, but now he’s become somewhat of a “hustler” so to speak.

What’s interesting is he doesn’t just play your typical pool games, but rather he’s taken the time to invent almost 40 new games and written an unpublished book about them called “Pool Fun for Every One.”

How many of us would take the time to invent something new or invent a new approach to something and write a book about it? He brought a new perspective to playing pool, used his imagi-

nation to invent something fun, and now our family regularly enjoys these opportunities to get together and play.

I guess the point here is that even at the ripe young age of 87, my grandfather is still engaged with life, making the most of his time, devoting his waking hours to simple yet important things and is cheerful throughout each day’s journey. Should this be any different for any of us, regardless of our age or stage in

life? Maybe we can each add a new twist to the things we do everyday but trying to take a fresh look at things from a different angle or perspective.

How many of you have ever heard the saying “Live life one day at a time?” What about the saying, “Live everyday like it’s your last?” I’m sure all of you have.

Have you ever put any thought into these sayings? Are you noticing just how fast time is passing us by? How many of us get so wrapped up in trivial or minute issues that prevent us from truly enjoying life and appreciating the simple things?

What about holding on to past grudges that can fester in each of us for years, or allowing stress to overwhelm us to the point where we’re not kind to others in our thoughts, words and deeds? Maybe we’re too overbearing about things with our family or children and overreact to things in ways that don’t warrant the time or energy. Do we spend so much time worrying about tomorrow or next week or month that we lose focus on

today? We’re all guilty.

If it was your last day on earth, how would you want it to go? Would you sit around moping or crying about it being your last day and wait for the inevitable, or would you make the most of it? Maybe you would spend more time with your family, make a call to a sister you haven’t talked to in a while, mend a broken friendship or relationship, hug your spouse or children tighter and longer, or not get all wrapped up in differences of opinion.

The critical message here is to start making the most of everyday we have because there’s no guarantee there will be a tomorrow for any of us. Maybe we assume there are many years ahead of us when in reality that might not be the case. How would your perspective of things change if you found out you only had five years of your life remaining? What would you do then? Would you empty your life of all meaningless, short term, insignificant, time consuming things that lead to nothing, or would you invest in the truly important and precious endeavors? Whatever it would be, maybe your perspective on life would be in line with what is truly valuable to you if you treated time as if it weren’t a constant. Life sure has a way of putting obstacles in our path that can distract us from what really matters...and it’s important to make sure we’re in control of those things and not letting them control us.

I encourage everyone to take the time to consider what truly matters to you. Write it down. Develop daily goals and prioritize them. Review and refine them often. We should all continually question ourselves on whether we’re making the most of each day because it’s each day we live that adds up to our entire life at some point. If you don’t take the time to do this for yourself...who else will?

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Summer season brings fun to BLAZE TEAM

Summer reading program: The base library offers its summer reading program, “Reading is Dyno-nite” starting June 21 and will meet at 10 a.m. every Wednesday for one hour until July 26. Registration for the program is June 11 to June 17 and is open to children entering grades one through six for the 2006 to 2007 school year. A different activity is scheduled each week with prizes awarded for the different age groups at the end of the program. For more information, call Ext. 2934.

Pool party family fun night: Mark your calendars for June 15 for the Columbus Club’s family fun night and pool party from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Cost for adults is \$6.95 for members and \$9.95 for nonmembers. Cost is \$3.95 for members ages 6 to 12 and \$5.95 for nonmembers. Ages 5 and younger eat for free. The menu includes tossed salad, hamburgers, hot dogs, sliced pizza, baked beans, potato chips, soda and bottled water.

Auto hobby shop special: The auto hobby shop is offering a special during May – an oil change and tire rotation for \$26 or an oil change, tire rotation and balance for \$40. Call Ext. 7842 for an appointment.

Crafts classes: The arts and crafts center’s upcoming crafts classes feature seasonal projects. Adult classes are at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Upcoming classes include a mosaic tray, a patriotic “America” yard sign, a mosaic pot, a patriotic heart, an Uncle Sam door hanging, and a wooden flag box.

The youth classes are offered Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Upcoming classes include a patio stone, sidewalk paint, a bird feeder, a Father’s day gift, an Uncle Sam made with popsicle sticks and a decorative visor.

A display of all projects is available in the arts and crafts lobby.

Participants must register at least four days prior to the class date. Call Ext. 7836 for more information.

Bicycle ride to SAC Lake: This youth center “Fit Factor” event is from 5 to 7 p.m. May 27 for ages 6 to 13. Participants should bring snacks and a water bottle and plan on taking a walk on the nature trail. Call Ext. 2504 for more information.

New Friday catfish lunch buffet: The Columbus Club’s all-you-can-eat lunch buffet for Friday features Southern fried catfish, country fried steak with gravy, golden cut corn, cole slaw, garden green salad, fried hush puppies, seasoned new potatoes and assorted home baked cakes. Cost is \$5.50 per person and includes your beverage.

The club offers an all-you-can-eat lunch buffet Tuesday through Friday. Tuesday’s entrees are meat loaf and pork chops, Wednesday features fried chicken and smoked brisket, Thursday is barbecue pork ribs and chicken wings. Call Ext. 2490.

Swimming pool opens May 26: Independence Pool, located next to the Columbus Club, opens May 26 for the season. The pool is open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.



Pam Wickham

Joan Havens puts the finishing touches on the room divider sample for the arts and crafts home decor class scheduled for 10 a.m. or 6 p.m. June 15. Cost is \$50, includes all supplies and must be prepaid by June 9. Call Ext. 7836 for more information.

Season pool passes are on sale at outdoor recreation. Daily rates are \$2 for authorized users or \$3 for a guest. Ages 5 and younger are free.

Pool party reservations may be made at outdoor recreation for any day beginning at 7:30 p.m. but parties may not last past midnight. A \$25 deposit is required at the time of sign up. This is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours of the reservation date. Cost for a pool party is \$60 for parties held Monday through Thursday and \$75 for parties held Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

Swim lessons are also available in two weeks sessions for beginners, intermediate and advanced swimmers. For more information, call Ext. 7861.

Club membership drive: Don’t miss out on the weekly club membership drawings for \$20 in club bucks. Drawings are held every Monday. On June 1 there will be two drawings for a \$250 club credit — one for new members enrolling during the membership drive and one for all current members. Call Ext. 2489.

New program teaches youth golf fundamentals

Pam Wickham
14th Services Division

Whispering Pines Golf Course offers two five-day sessions of Golf 4 Kids, a new youth player development program, for ages 8 to 13 throughout the summer.

The first session is scheduled for June 12, June 14, June 16, June 19 and June 21 with a deadline for registration of June 2. The second session is scheduled for July 17, July 19, July 21, July 24 and July 26 and the deadline for registering is July 7.

Each session will meet from 9 to 10:30 a.m. each day

except for the last day which will be from 9 to 11 a.m.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for kids to learn the game of golf, develop good skills and meet friends,” said Ricky Magers, Professional Golf Association professional. “Golf 4 Kids provides a relaxed learning atmosphere with emphasis on having fun.”

During the program, participants will learn swing mechanics, etiquette, terminology, proper behavior and how to maintain speed of play.

Cost is \$99, and participants will receive eight hours of small group instruction, as well as an on-course playing experience.

Children will be divided into groups of no more than six students, and are grouped by age from 8 to 10 years and 11 to 13 years.

Participants receive a Golf 4 Kids logo T-shirt, cap, golf towel, neon tee pack and bag tag, rules and etiquette brochures and a graduation certificate. Children graduating from the program will get a free set of top quality junior clubs to keep.

“Our class sizes are limited to 12 so, its first-come, first-served.” added Mr. Magers. “We look forward to offering this program to our base children.”

For more information, call Ext. 7932.

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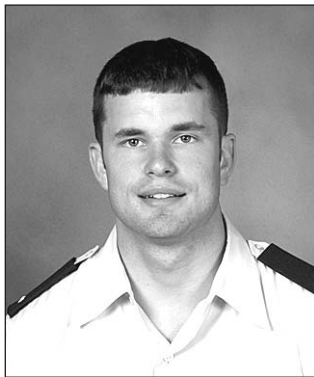


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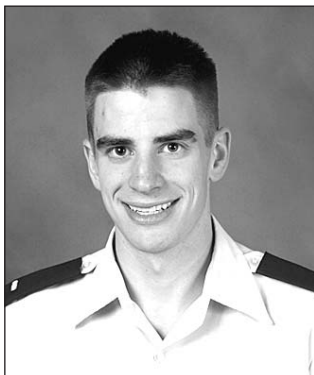
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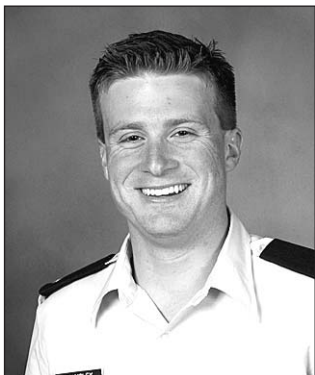
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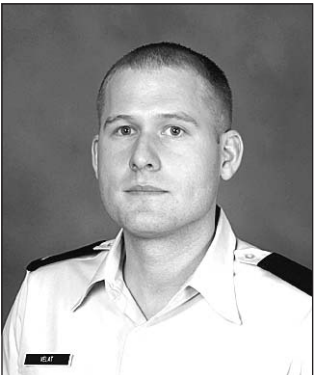
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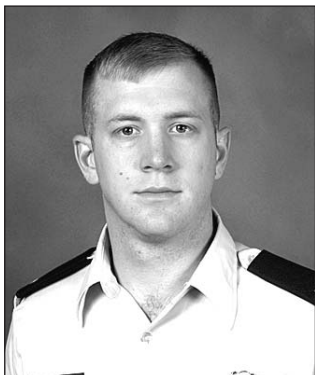
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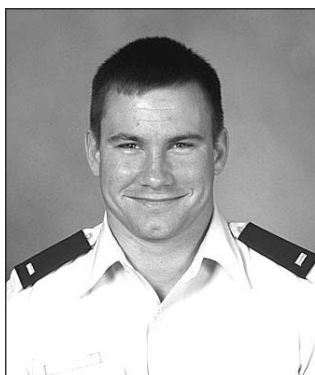
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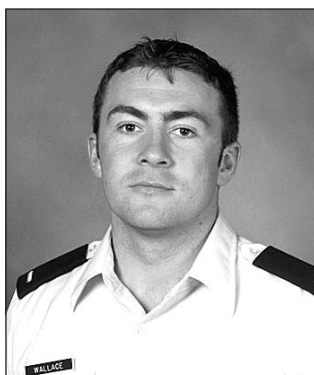
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2nd Lt. Jason Waldow
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2nd Lt. Hugh Walker
Brandon, Miss.
F-16, Kelly AFB, Texas



2nd Lt. Aaron Wallace
Vancouver, Wash.
C-21, Ramstein AB, Germany

Twenty-two officers have prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to be an Air Force pilot.

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 06-09 graduates at 9 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Columbus Club.

The graduation speaker is Maj. Gen. Gregory H. Power, Director for Operations and Support Integration, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force for Warfighting Integration and Chief Information Officer, Washington, D.C. General Power is responsible for advocating command, control, communications, computer, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance as a force multiplier and integrator of air and space combat power.

Second Lts. Nathan Reynen, T-38, and Aaron Wallace, T-1, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to Capt. Dylan Thorpe, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Alexander Stark, T-1. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Lieutenants Reynen and Wallace were named distinguished graduates.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine, subsonic T-37 Tweet. Some complete this phase in the single-engine, turboprop T-6A

Texan 2 at Moody AFB, Ga. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

Primary training takes about 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours.

After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38 Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet. T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours.

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place business jet.

Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 flying hours.

The class reunites on graduation day, when students receive the aeronautical rating of pilot and begin their careers as U.S. Air Force pilots. *(Editor's note: The class' pilot partners are WCBI and Accessible Aviation.)*



Chapel Schedule

Catholic

Sunday:
9:15 a.m. — Mass
5 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — SUPT Mass

Protestant

Sunday:
10:30 a.m. — Contemporary worship service at the Services Complex
10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship service at the chapel
Monday:
7 p.m. — Officer Christian Fellowship
Wednesday:
11:30 a.m. — OASIS at the Phillips Auditorium
11:30 a.m. — Lunch Bible study at chapel annex
6 p.m. — Navigator Study at chapel annex

For more information about Jewish Islamic, Orthodox or other services, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

Vacation Bible School

The Columbus AFB Chapel Vacation Bible School is from 9 a.m. to noon June 5 through June 9. This year’s theme is “Fiesta,” where ages 4 to 12 can get fired up about Jesus. Parents can register their children at the chapel now. Volunteers are also needed. For more information, call Daisy Lebron at Ext. 2500.

Family Support Center

(Editor’s note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call Ext. 2790.)

Spouse welcome

A welcome reception for spouses new to Columbus AFB is from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. every Wednesday at the Magnolia Inn Lobby. Spouses will receive gifts and information about the family support center.

Local employment

A workshop about employment opportunities with local businesses, the 14th Services Division and government applications is at 1 p.m. every Wednesday. Resumes and other job applications will also be discussed.

WIC

Representatives from Women, Infants & Children will visit Columbus AFB May 23. Active-duty military personnel and family members who are pregnant or have children younger than 5 years old can make appointments to meet with a WIC representative on base to determine eligibility and/or receive vouchers for food supplements. Eligibility is based on income and number of family members. To make an appointment, call Ext. 2790.

Give Parents a Break

This free childcare is offered from 5 to 11 p.m. Saturday. The Air Force Aid Society sponsors this program for active-duty Air Force families who are experiencing unique stresses such as deployments, remote tours of duty and extended working hours. Families must be referred by one of the following: squadron commander or first sergeant, chaplain, doctor or medical professional, or personnel from family advocacy, the family support center or child development center. For more information, call the youth center at Ext. 2504 or the CDC at Ext. 2479.

Hearts Apart social

A social gathering for families of personnel deployed or remote for more than 30 days is at 5:30 p.m. Thursday. Information, refreshments and prizes are provided.

Sponsorship training

A workshop designed for all unit introduction monitors is at 9 a.m. May 30. Training includes the importance of effective sponsorship and resources available for both sponsors and newcomers.

Base Notes

Sidewalk sale

A mini-sidewalk sale is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 26 and May 27 at the commissary. For more information, call Ext. 7109.

Advanced RAD program

The Columbus AFB Sexual Assault Response Coordinator Team hosts an Advanced Rape Aggression and Defense course from 6 to 9 p.m. May 30 and May 31 at the fitness center. The course is free and open to anyone who has completed basic RAD. Participants will build on basic self-defense maneuvers to protect themselves if confronted by multiple attackers and

One-way ticket to trouble



Airman 1st Class Alyssa Miles

As a 14th Security Forces Squadron patrolman, Airman 1st Class Stephano Picchietti is responsible for issuing tickets to drivers caught exceeding the posted speed limits on Columbus AFB. BLAZE TEAM members are reminded to adhere to all speed limits at all times for the safety of themselves and others.

weapons. For questions or more information, call Ext. 1130 or Ext. 2875.

Thrift Shop

Columbus AFB Thrift Shop is now accepting consignments Tuesdays and Thursdays until one hour before closing. The Thrift Shop is located at Building 345 C Street and is open Tuesdays from 3 to 6 p.m. and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers are needed. For more information, call 434-2954.

After hours lockout policy

The 14th Security Forces Squadron will no longer respond to routine lockouts in family housing, officer or enlisted dormitories. Individual unit keys will be maintained at the Lodging Office. Occupants must provide sufficient identification to verify they are the authorized resident of that unit to sign for their key and must return the key within one hour. For more information, call Ext. 3546.

Garage sales

On-base garage sales are only permitted the first Saturday of every month. Advertisements for sales are limited to yard signs or ads in the base paper only. Signs must be no larger than 2 feet by 2 feet. Displaying signs on utility poles and street signs is prohibited. Advertising yard sales

in the local media, excluding the base newspaper, is also prohibited. People may locally advertise individual items for sale, such as automobiles, boats, washers, dryers or refrigerators. Columbus AFB housing areas are located on a federal installation and the civilian public may only enter a military installation on official business, open house functions or social visitations. Yard and carport sales do not fall within these criteria.

Cell phones while driving

Effective immediately, people driving on base while talking on a cell phone will now be ticketed; no more warnings will be issued. For more information, call the 14th Security Forces Squadron at Ext. 7128.

Student spouse enrollment

East Mississippi Community College has designated a registration window from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. May 30 for student pilot spouses who wish to enroll in the Student Pilot Spouse Listening Program on the Golden Triangle campus this summer. Cost is \$50 per course, and a list of classes is available at www.eastms.edu. Those interested should call Monica Engel at 243-2672 or Linda Gates at 243-1978 between 8 a.m. and noon Monday through Thursday to schedule a registration appointment for May 30.

Tupelo Film Festival: People can enjoy music, food, films and discussions today and Saturday in Tupelo, Miss. For more information, call (800) 533-0611 or visit www.tupelo.net/filmfest.

Memphis In May: This month-long celebration features the World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest now through Saturday and the Sunset Symphony May 27.

More than 90,000 pork lovers from around the globe Australia, Russia, Morocco, Ivory Coast, Estonia, Canada, France, Japan, New Zealand, Thailand, the United Kingdom and around the globe will gather to share their special sauces, rubs, ribs and more for the cooking contest.

Sharp Stage will feature musical entertainment and the Ms. Piggie Competition (grown men in snouts and tutus). For more information, visit www.memphisinmay.org.

Birmingham walking tour: The public is invited to join local author and historian Philip Morris for an exciting, informational walking tour of downtown Birmingham,

Ala., from 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday. Cost is \$12 and includes a beverage and snack at the Birmingham Museum of Art. The tour will feature hidden architectural and artistic treasures found within Birmingham’s historical theater and retail district. For more information, call (205) 933-1409 Ext. 26.

Art in the Garden: Guests can tour beautiful area gardens while enjoying various artists and performers Saturday in Starkville, Miss. For more information, call (662) 323-3322 or visit www.starkvillearts.org.

Jimmie Rodgers Memorial Country Music Festival: This festival is filled with live entertainment, a Memphis sanctioned BBQ contest, arts and crafts, an antique car show, Pickin’ in the Park and food vendors throughout today and Saturday in Meridian, Miss. For more information, call (888) 868-7720 or visit www.visitmeridian.com

Columbus Lock and Dam: Fully operational, the

Columbus Lock and Dam is located on the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, a 234-mile navigable channel linking the Tennessee River to Mobile, Ala. The Waterway is open daily and offers multiple opportunities for outdoor recreation including boating, fishing, picnicking, nature trails and playgrounds. Tours are available by appointment. No admission is charged. For more information, call 327-2142.

Peabody Hotel rooftop parties: Now through August the Peabody Hotel in Memphis, Tenn., features rooftop parties from 6 to 11 p.m. every Thursday. Admission is \$5 per person.

The tradition of rooftop parties at The Peabody began in the 1930s and continues today as the social event of the season with live music, dancing, cocktails and views of the Mississippi River. For more information, visit www.peabodymemphis.com.

For more information about local area events, call the family support center at Ext. 2790.

BARGAIN LINE

Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees. Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue. Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads. Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

Type of advertisement (circle one)	Home	Transportation	Miscellaneous	Yard sales	Pets
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Name _____					
Home Telephone # _____ Duty Telephone # _____ (in case we need more information)					

Please let us know what you think of the Silver Wings:
Are you happy with the Silver Wings? Yes ☐ No ☐
What would you like to see more of in the newspaper? News ☐ Sports ☐ Photos ☐ Other _____
If you would like to give any other suggestions, please e-mail us at silverwings@columbus.af.mil.

Air Force women repeat as soccer champions

Staff Sgt. Ty Reyes
Air Force Services Agency

SAN ANTONIO — The Air Force repeated as the armed forces women's soccer champions at the 2006 championship tournament hosted by Naval Station Mayport, Fla., May 2 to 8.

The first game of the tournament pitted the Air Force against the Army. Army came out aggressively against the defending champs. In the first half, both teams had many opportunities but neither scored. Ten minutes into the second half, Air Force had a free kick about 25 feet from the goal.

Marci Freund, a second lieutenant from Corpus Christi Naval Air Station, Texas, passed the ball toward the middle of the field to Wendy Emminger, a first lieutenant from Travis AFB, Calif. Emminger took a shot over the goalkeeper and just under the goal crossbar to put Air Force up 1-0.

The Air Force coaches, Jeremy Selph, a staff sergeant from the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado, and Michiel Perrault, a staff sergeant from Dover AFB, Del., said the team accomplished that play just like they practiced it — “perfect.”

Army continued to pressure, but could not finish due to the Air Force’s defense by Nicole Burnside and Christine Miller, both first lieutenants from Hurlburt Field, Fla., and Lucero Stockett, a staff sergeant from Travis AFB. The final score was Air Force 1-0 over Army.

In game two, Air Force played Navy, who had taken a 9-0 loss the day before against Army.

Both teams started out slow but after

about 15 minutes the Air Force was taking good shots outside the goal box. About 25 minutes into the game Elaine Tatarek, a second lieutenant from Patrick AFB, Fla., scored the first goal. Ten minutes later Amy Zwiers, a first lieutenant from Pope AFB, N.C., scored the second and final goal of the half.

Navy came out energetically in the second half but could not faze the defending champs. Air Force had three goals in 20 minutes scored by Emminger, Zwiers and Elizabeth Welliver, a first lieutenant from Yokota AB, Japan. The final score was 5-0.

Game three, Air Force vs. Army, was the biggest game of the tournament since the Air Force gave the Army its only loss. Air Force would secure the gold with a win or a tie.

Army had a few great shots on goal but Jennifer Wolf, a second lieutenant from Corpus Christi NAS, was not letting anything by her. Air Force had opportunities as well, but the Army keeper was also on every shot. The game ended in a 0-0 tie.

In the final game against Navy, all Air Force wanted was to finish strong with a win. The day started out with nice weather but at game time it was raining hard.

The weather did not faze the Air Force team. The first goal was from a corner kick headed in by Amber Reynolds, a first lieutenant from Ramstein AB, Germany. Just before the halftime whistle Stockett noticed the goalkeeper was far from the goal and hit a deep shot, from about 40 yards out, putting Air Force up 2-0.

In the second half Navy got too aggressive and ended up losing a player to ejection. Air Force took advantage of the opportunity and ended up getting two goals in the final minutes, one by Zwiers



U.S. Air Force Photo

Jennifer Wolf blocks a shot during the 2006 armed forces women's soccer championship at Naval Station Mayport, Fla. The Air Force team won the tournament, held May 2 to 8. Wolf, from Corpus Christi Naval Air Station, Texas, was selected to the all-tournament team.

and one by Welliver, ending the game with a 4-0 win and a record of 3-0-1.

Six players were selected to the all-tournament team: Wolf, Miller, Burnside, Welliver, Emminger and Tatarek.

The all-tournament team will compete as the U.S. Armed Forces women's soccer

team at the Conseil International du Sport Militaire international military soccer championship in Zoutkamp, Netherlands. Joining them on the armed forces team will be Reynolds, Freund, Leigh-Anne Fitzgerald, a second lieutenant from Lackland AFB, Texas, and Coach Selph.

Sports Shorts

Physicals

The 14th Medical Group will conduct sports and camp physicals Saturday at the Columbus AFB Clinic. Children must be at least 4 years old. To make an appointment, call the clinic at 434-2273 or go to www.tricareonline.com and select “school physicals” as the visit reason.

Baseball registration

The youth center holding sign-ups for baseball and t-ball now today and Saturday. Cost is \$25 for youth center members and \$30 for nonmembers. Ages 3 and 4 will participate in a clinic, ages 5 to

7 will play t-ball, ages 8 to 10 will play coaches’ pitch and ages 11 to 13 will play kids’ pitch. The baseball season will begin May 30 and end June 30. Coaches are still needed. Call Ext. 2504.

Trap and skeet range

This range opens at 6 p.m. Tuesdays. Cost is \$3 for 25 rounds. Membership is \$30 for one year or \$75 for three years. For more information, call Ext. 2507.

Softball umpires needed

Softball umpires are needed to register with the Amateur Softball Association for a fee of \$35 to officiate the base intramural league May through July. Scorekeepers are also needed. For more

information, call Frank Solorio at 364-0414.

Super Golf Scramble

The 6th Annual Super Golf will be held at Whispering Pines golf course June 3 and June 4. The tournament is a four person scramble. Participants will choose from a of a 7:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. shotgun start. Entry is \$200 per team or \$50 per person, and includes lunch on both days, door prizes, tee prizes, beverages throughout the day and a chance to win a 2006 Kia Optima for a hole in one on Sunday. Teams must be registered by May 28. Entry forms are available at the pro shop or Sonic drive-in located on Highway 45. For more information, call Ext. 7932.